

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12, SERIES OF 2020**

**AN ORDER ADOPTING THE RECENT ISSUANCES OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF SORSOGON RELATIVE TO THE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST COVID19, MANDATING ITS STRICT IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON**

**WHEREAS**, in view of the proliferation of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID19) which as of date has listed 142 confirmed cases and 12 deaths, the Provincial Government issued twin Executive Orders Mandating the Strict Observation of Social Distancing Measures and Directing all Health Personnel to shift from a Containment Strategy to Mitigation Strategy;

**WHEREAS**, the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* passed Provincial Ordinance No. 15-2020 entitled "An Ordinance Imposing Curfew from 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM as part of the Community Quarantine Measure to control and prevent the spread of COVID19 in the Province of Sorsogon";

**WHEREAS**, in order to stop the continuous proliferation of COVID19 and evade its possible spread in the City of Sorsogon, the City Government, after due deliberation has found it necessary to adopt the issuances of the Provincial Government with modifications;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MA. ESTER E. HAMOR**, Mayor of the City of Sorsogon, hereby declares the adoption of the recent issuances of the Provincial Government of Sorsogon relative to the Precautionary Measures against COVID19, Mandating its Strict Implementation and Compliance in the City of Sorsogon, as follows:

**1. The following activities are suspended from March 17, 2020 until further notice:**

- a. All religious activities such as mass or services, processions, *senakulo* and similar celebrations and events; Provided that the Provincial Government, utilizing the relevant provision on the respective franchises of radio, television and telecommunication companies, shall endeavour to have such religious activities aired either as a taped or live broadcast or thru the internet, subject to the consent of the religious congregation, church or sect;
- b. All sports, athletic and recreational activities such as sports tournaments, cockfighting, fiesta celebrations including benefit dances such as *barayle*, Mr. and Miss of *Missis - Missis*, pageants and beer plaza, concerts and public exhibitions or preparations in relation thereto which would entail a gathering of people;
- c. All market days or *saud* in the City and all Municipalities in the Province, including night markets, except for the daily market activities;

- d. Barangay assemblies, Homeowners Association meetings or other similar activities, unless in relation to COVID19 and subject to DOH rules on disinfection and social distancing;
2. Private events such as weddings, baptisms, funerals, birthdays, and other types of family or social gatherings may continue at their discretion subject to compliance with disinfection, social distancing and other precautionary measures as mandated by the Department of Health (DOH);
3. All public utility vehicles (PUV), public utility busses (PUB), public utility jeepneys (PUJ), shall only carry a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of its seating capacity including the driver and fare collector or *konduktor*, as the case may be, in accordance with Department of Transportation (DOTr) guidelines; *Provided that, the owners/drivers of such PUV's, PUB's and PUJ's shall sanitize their vehicles at the beginning and end of each day with the use of a sanitizer such as chlorine, bleach, or other appropriate and acceptable disinfectants; Provided further that, passengers and drivers are protected by wearing masks and other protective gears. The Sorsogon City Police is authorized to call the attention and apprehend any person who does not comply;*
4. Only those private commercial establishments are providing basic necessities and such activities related to food and medicine production, i.e., public markets, supermarkets, groceries, convenience stores, hospitals, medical clinics, pharmacies and drug stores, food preparation and delivery services, water refilling stations, manufacturing and processing plants of basic food products and medicines, banks, money transfer services, power, energy, water and telecommunications supplies and facilities, shall be open. In all such open establishments, their respective managements shall ensure the adoption of a strict skeletal workforce to support operations, as well as all strict social distancing measures;
5. Residents of the City of Sorsogon are directed to stay indoors and abide by the "Curfew Ordinance for COVID-19" and refrain from loitering in any public place from 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM. Violators shall be apprehended and sanctioned under pertinent laws;

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force and valid until further notice.

DONE this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 at Sorsogon City, Philippines.

  
MA. ESTER E. HAMOR  
City Mayor